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Dies At The Ripe Age of 86

After a lingering illness, during the last weeks of which the spark of life seemed hourly about to flee, Reuben Hyde, Sr., died Thursday morning at 1 o'clock, at his home, 561 S. Broadway, at the advanced age of 86 years, 4 months. He was born in Milton township, near Rittman, in Wayne county, Dec. 3, 1829, in a log cabin in a forest cleared and settled by his parents, David and Barbara Shank Hyde, who came from Lancaster, Pa., by team. The deceased was one of nine children born to the pioneer parents. In 1847 the family removed from Milton to a farm on Paradise road in Montville township, which subsequently became the property of the deceased and on which he lived until recent years.

Mr. Hyde was married to Susan A. Overholt in Medina, Sept. 30, 1853. Five children were born to them. Of these three are dead. Fanny W. died in 1871; Edith C. died in 1889; Mabel died in 1898. Those surviving, beside the widow, are Reuben J., county treasurer, and Florence A., both residents of Medina village.

Reuben Hyde is known to have been a good citizen, a kind neighbor, the friend of every good cause and a man in whom his fellowmen held every confidence.

A private funeral service will be held at the home at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after which a public service will be conducted at the M. E. church at 2 o'clock by Rev. F. Hass. Burial will be made at Poe. It was the expressed wish of the deceased that no flowers be used at his funeral and the wish will be complied with.

Ousts Brittain As Tax Head

As predicted he might do, Governor Willis Tuesday night, backed by the hungry Republicans of the state, decided to fire all Democratic tax assessors, and Republicans will be appointed in their places. Of the 102 commissioners who have already been displaced, Tax Commissioner J. F. Brittain of Medina county has been slated to go, to give place to John A. Lowrie of Seville. Mr. Brittain received notice of this action Wednesday forenoon.

The decision of Gov. Willis and his advisers to summarily discharge every county tax commissioner in the state followed the action of the legislature Tuesday night in defeating the Beiler bill, which the governor fought to the finish to have made into a law. If it had passed it would have turned the taxing machinery over to the county auditor, but would allow the present township assessors to hold over from last year under the civil service law.

The Beiler bill as agreed to in conference passed the senate but the two-thirds majority it failed to get when before the house. Three Democratic senators, Lloyd and Breckett of Franklin and Suttler of Cuyahoga voting with the Republicans, making the necessary two-thirds exactly.

The house, however, refused to concur. Eighty-two votes were needed for the required two-thirds, but it mustered only 66, receiving the votes of all Republicans present and two Democrats, Kohl of Cleveland and Wintermute of Mercer. Forty-five Democrats voted against it.

Governor Willis was prepared for the defeat of the bill and Tuesday night drafted a long statement to the state tax commissioners, composed of two Republicans and one Democrat, the latter, A. B. Peckinpah, directing the discharge of the 102 deputies in the 88 counties so that he might appoint others in their places.

All of Tuesday night was devoted by the governor, his secretaries, state tax officials and legislative leaders in considering names to be appointed in each county.

Now that Governor Willis has taken the summary action that was decided upon Tuesday night it remains to be seen what the people will think of the chief executive discharging experienced men at the head of the tax offices in each county and putting in inexperienced men to take charge of the work that must be started Monday. The Republicans have been claiming all along that it was the principle under which the tax assessors were working that is wrong, but now they are doing the very same thing that the Democrats were accused of doing, which looks very much as if it is the leaves that the governor and his satellites are after. Oh! Consistency, thou art a jewel. The action was taken under the section of the Warnes act giving the governor the power to discharge county tax assessors, but that section was not intended to be used to make wholesale discharges for political ends, but to remove men for incompetency and disregard of duty.

Certain it is that Mr. J. F. Brittain was not removed as tax commissioner of this county because of incompetency or disregard of duty.

The Big Tour Contest Ends Successfully

THE VOTE

The seven contestants who remained active in the contest up to the close, received the following vote as subscribed to by all the judges:

First District
Miss Marian Branch 268,860
Chaperone
Miss Anna Thompson 123,199
Miss Isodine Miner 110,760
Mrs. A. F. Lutz 27,935

Second-Third District
Mrs. Platt Bricker 182,222
Mrs. Bessie Montgomery 138,026
Miss Belta Lee 122,997

The first named in each of the districts are the winners. Miss Branch having the highest vote of all will name the chaperone.

Signed,
L. H. RANDALL
WM. V. EDWARDS
R. O. McDOWELL
W. C. SMITH
L. F. GARVER

Judges.

The Medina Sentinel's World's Fair tour contest, which has been a matter of general local interest during the past nine weeks, came to a close last Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock, as advertised and has been a success in every particular. The seven young ladies who continued to the finish are deserving of much credit for the splendid work they did, which is appreciated by the publisher. Miss Thompson, Miss Miner, Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Lee while losers in a strenuous contest, have accepted defeat most gracefully, with the satisfaction of knowing that they did well under the

circumstances and with a realization of the fact that some one must be a loser.

The young women representing these districts are to be congratulated. The Sentinel is also to be congratulated upon a fine addition to its circulation list. Hundreds of people in Medina county are likewise to be congratulated. They have become readers of one of the best papers printed in this section of the state, and they will like it or strenuous efforts on our part will go for naught.

Saturday a Busy Day

All day Saturday there was activity displayed by the seven who polled the highest number of votes, respectively, and friends of each came to the office to find out about their favorites. It was a busy time right up to the last minute, and the office was filled with friends of the respective candidates, to learn the result of the final count, which was made by the judges named in our last issue—Messrs L. H. Randall, Rev. Wm. V. Edwards, R. O. McDowell, W. C. Smith and L. F. Garver.

Closing Scenes

The intensity of the contest reached its climax on Saturday. During the day the contest manager and his assistants were busy making out receipts and vote coupons. Everyone appeared to be deeply interested in the success of his or her favorite. Prominent citizens and conservative business men as well as the younger friends and associates of the contestants, alike showed an interest that was remarkable and particularly gratifying to the

publisher, as well as the contestants themselves.

The Finish

The judges arrived a few minutes before the closing hour, and promptly at 9:30 the polls were closed and only those who were being waited upon prior to that time were allowed to finish. The final count was completed about 10:30 o'clock, when the judges announced the winners. The contest was a spirited one throughout, but good natured and conducted with equal fairness to all. The Sentinel takes this opportunity to thank the judges who kindly acted. Their work was done with promptness and accuracy. In every contest there must be losers as well as winners and we know that the young ladies who failed to win are broad-minded enough to take their defeat courageously and gracefully. They realize that there is a reward even in defeat. Personally, we wish that all of the young women might go on such a desirable trip, but that is naturally out of the question.

Some Results

The contest was conducted by R. E. McDonagh of Cleveland, who conducts such affairs all the time. The system used throughout is thorough in every detail, affording the most complete record of every transaction, guarding against errors and making impossible any unfairness or partiality. Every contestant got credit for all to which she was entitled, nor received credit for more than her efforts and results called for.

The publisher desires to extend her thanks to all the good friends of the

contestants as well as to the contestants themselves for the success of the enterprise. We want the unexpectedly large number of new subscribers to feel that they are very welcome to our growing family of readers. In a measure the success of a paper depends upon the subscribers; we want every live news item from every family in our territory. In the past we have often had to omit items because not received until too late to get into type. Feel free to call us up on the phone or drop us a card with the items on—but do it early.

What the Contest Manager Says

Publisher Sentinel,
In closing my work with your tour contest I wish you would please extend my best wishes to those contestants and their supporters with whom I was for a few weeks brought into contact. May the winners enjoy the tours and those less fortunate be consoled with the knowledge that the loss of a well-fought but good-natured contest carries no disgrace, but on the contrary, there is high honor in receiving the loyal support of so many friends and well wishers. I desire to thank you most heartily for the assistance and the many personal courtesies I have received at the hands of yourself and your office staff. With the best wishes for the continued success of the Medina Sentinel and all who are connected with it, as well as for the prosperity of Medina county and vicinity, I am
Very truly yours,
R. E. MacDonagh,
Contest Manager.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fire broke out in the home of C. B. Branch on the Abbeyville road about two miles west of town early last Sunday afternoon and completely destroyed the building with nearly all of the contents.

While Mr. and Mrs. Branch, daughter Ada and Miss Nell Battan were dining, Miss Branch detected a roaring sound, but attributed it to the wind. Again and again the sound was noticed until finally Miss Branch became alarmed and went out doors to investigate, when she discovered the roof to be enveloped in a seething mass of flames. Pending the arrival of neighbors Mr. Branch vainly endeavored to extinguish the fire, but within a half hour the house had been burned level with the ground. Only a few articles on the first floor were saved. Practically all of the furniture, clothing and bedding were destroyed, besides a great many cans of fruit. The building was insured and Mr. Branch purposes rebuilding at once.

Fire Apparatus Built in Medina

The latest idea in fire apparatus is the result of the fertile minds of two Medina men—Tom P. Hallock and A. C. Marsh. While the former gentleman is now a resident of Lakewood, for many years he was a resident of Medina and is related to Medina people. Mr. Hallock claims credit for the conception of the idea, but accords full measure of credit to his co-laborer, Mr. Marsh, in its development.

The apparatus is to be known as the "Ford First Aid Chemical" and has been designed principally for use in towns and the smaller cities. It consists of a complete fire-fighting unit resting upon a Ford chassis. When we say complete, we mean that the apparatus comprises a 16-foot extension ladder, axe, 200 feet hose and in fact everything that is to be found in the larger and regular fire apparatus.

Patents have been applied for on all the patterns of this new machine and a company has already been formed, which will be capitalized at \$25,000. While the price for which the apparatus will be sold has not been definitely determined, Mr. Hallock says it is believed it can be made to sell for \$1400. The entire work of assembling the pattern machine was performed in the shop of Frank Brandon on North Court street. It is a beautiful machine, built compactly, and was the cynosure of many eyes on Thursday when for the first time it was driven up and down the main street.

—It is probable that the Medina band will give a concert at the Princeces theatre some time next month. New music is being rehearsed weekly and a program will be made up within the next week for the proposed concert. To this end all members are expected to be on hand every Monday night when possible. The band is in need of clarinet players and any who are capable of playing reasonably high-grade music should confer with the director.

Julia Welling Died Saturday

Last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock there passed from life another of Medina's oldest and respected citizens—Mrs. Julia A. Welling, whose death occurred at her late home at 587 S. Broadway. Mrs. Welling was 83 years, 4 months and 5 days of age when the summons came. Despite her advanced age, the deceased had been in reasonably good health until about two weeks ago, when she became very ill. From this attack, however, she rallied, and was thought to be convalescing when on Saturday her condition took a turn for the worse and the long life came to an end.

She was born in New York state. In December, 1854, she became the wife of Ed. Welling at York, this county, where they resided until they removed to Medina about thirty years ago. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Welling, three of whom, besides the husband, survive—Mrs. Orva Edwards, who has made her home with her mother since the death of Mr. Edwards; Harry G. Welling of Akron, Ferdinand Welling of Oakland, Calif. One daughter died many years ago and was buried in Brunswick.

A short funeral service was held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. F. Dimmock of the Baptist church, after which the body was removed to Brunswick for burial beside the daughter.

A SHAME TO TELL IT

While Sheriff Gehman was peacefully snoozing on Thursday night of last week, his telephone bell rang and he was frantically urged to come to the James Lampson home on West Liberty street and arrest a gang of bandits who, it was stated, were creating a great disturbance and doubtless about to enter the Lampson home and devour the occupants—catheters, bones and all. A half hour before, the sheriff had been aroused by the ringing of the fire bell for a fire that had broken out at the home of Ed. Maple, near neighbor of the Lampsons, and to which the local department had responded. Gehman, with a voice of true pity, then told "Jimmie" that if he would peer from behind his curtain he would behold an aggregation of old friends extinguishing the burning home of his neighbor only a few feet away. The conversation ended abruptly right then, the sheriff returning to bed with a smile that refused to be altered, while "Jimmie" stood transfixed, wondering whether to have been killed outright would have been any more painful than the chagrin which at that moment was burdening his heart.

HENRY STEVENSON DEAD

Henry W. Stevenson, who until a few months ago a resident of Medina, died last Friday at his home in Cleveland, aged 54 years. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary Warren Stevenson, and three children—Vaughn and Oakley Stevenson, and Mrs. Marie Hagerman, all of Cleveland.

Mr. Stevenson was a painter and paper hanger by trade, but was probably better known as a musician. He was a skilled violinist and was accomplished on several other instruments. While in Medina his ability was recognized and for some time he conducted an orchestra in the Sunday school of the Methodist church. He was a man of genial nature and one who made friends. The writer had been a life-long acquaintance of Mr. Stevenson and with many other friends regrets to learn of his death. The deceased leaves a brother, G. E. Stevenson, who is a commissioner of Lake county. The funeral was held Sunday and burial was made in Thompson, Geauga county, his former home.

ANOTHER PIONEER CALLED

A. J. Winters, another Medina county pioneer, passed to his reward at midnight Monday at his home near Lodi, aged 83 years and 1 month. He was born in Ohio, and spent his early years near Lodi. While a resident of this state he enlisted in the Federal army and served during the Civil war. Later he with his family returned to Ohio, locating on a farm three miles northeast of Lodi, where they resided until a few years ago when they went to Lodi.

He leaves a widow, one son Myron of Medina, and one daughter Clisla at home. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the home, conducted by Rev. J. W. King.

DEATH OF MRS. MCGARVEY

Clara Norton McGarvey was born in Lafayette, Medina county, January 26, 1874, and died at her home in LeRoy, March 28, 1915, aged 41 years, 2 months and 2 days. She was the youngest daughter of John and Sarah Norton. The deceased is survived by the mother, husband, son, two daughters, four brothers and a sister.

Miss Mildred Harriman of Los Angeles, Calif., who has been spending the winter at the home of Mr. C. H. Kimball, will return to her home in about two weeks.

THE Medina Sentinel believes in sticking to home merchants and in view of this fact it proposes to wage a vigorous educational campaign against mail order houses for the next year upon the grounds that mail order houses do nothing to maintain our schools, our churches, good roads or help the sick, the needy, and a hundred and one other things that Medina county merchants have to bear.

The habit (because it is a habit, pure and simple) of buying of mail order houses is formed on the theory that one can buy for less money. The idea is as erroneous as Asop's fables, in the long run. One may buy a few things cheaper of mail order houses than he can buy at home, but they are few, and it is a well-known fact that quality is not really expected from the far-off stores of Chicago, New York or Philadelphia. Ninety times out of a hundred the same goods could be bought of the HOME MERCHANT FOR THE SAME MONEY AND OFTENTIMES LESS MONEY IF YOU GAVE THE LOCAL MERCHANT A CHANCE to figure with you.

Take this joke of a grocery order which is being solicited broadcast nowadays by a certain mail order house. They tell you they will sell you 100 pounds of sugar at a saving of one-half cent a pound if you will give THEM AN ORDER OF \$10 for other STUFF. They proceed then to load you up with spices, pepper, baking powders, condiments, etc., enough to last an average housewife ten years, and upon which there is a profit so large that on the whole bill they make in the neighborhood of \$3.00. NOW ANY GROCERYMAN IN MEDINA COUNTY would be tickled to death to sell you the same kind of an order WITH THE CASH LAID DOWN ON THE COUNTER FOR HIM, as you have to do with the mail order house.

It is the same way with clothing, hardware, drugs, furniture, millinery, shoes, tinware, with everything. So, would it not be a good plan for you to STOP AND THINK—INVESTIGATE—before you send your money away, never to be returned, and give the merchant a chance WHO WILL TRUST YOU WHEN YOU ARE SICK, HELPS PAY FOR YOUR SCHOOLS, HELPS PAY YOUR MINISTERS, HELPS KEEP UP YOUR GOOD ROADS, etc.?

In order that you may INVESTIGATE, the Sentinel in its next 52 issues proposes to publish a list of articles which you may buy at home, BY MAIL IF YOU WISH, under a department to be known as The Sentinel's "Buy-in-Medina-Mail-Order-Parcels-Department," and it will pay you to read it thoroughly each week, as it will contain certain bargains in merchandise you cannot afford to miss.

Seven Ohio homes in ten receive Chicago mail order house catalogs. Millions of dollars go from Ohio that ought to be spent at home. One of these mail order houses was discovered to be a big tax dodger. It told lies to the assessor. The head man of one of these big concerns built a mansion-home. It cost \$2,000,000. Ohio folks helped build it. The Chicago man gets rich. The home merchant struggles for existence. He pays taxes for schools, roads, and all public expenses.

The mail order house will not sing in the choir at your Ohio funeral.

Your home merchant and neighbor will hold the handles of the box when you are carried to the grave.

The home merchant has a heart and a soul. The mail order house gives you cancer oil in soda water.

In three years home merchants and business men contributed \$100,000 to encourage Junior Contest work. The mail order house nothing.

Ohio merchants pay a road tax and an automobile license fee. Every cent of the money is used to build and repair roads in the country, not in the towns.

Home merchants boost the corn, poultry, apple, live stock, and domestic science shows. Subtract the helping hand of the home merchant and agriculture would lag in progress. The home merchant gives encouragement to the boy in the corn field and to the girl in the kitchen. The mail order house man would not speak to them on the street.

The Sentinel believes that Ohio merchants can give as much quality and quantity as any Chicago tax dodger.

DEATH OF FORMER MEDINAN

Following an illness which extended over a period of more than a year, Dr. J. Hutchinson Hall, formerly of Medina, but for twelve years a resident of Oberlin, died at his home last week, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. For some time Dr. Hall had known that death was imminent and he made arrangements for his own funeral. While he had been failing for a year, Dr. Hall was confined to his home for only a few days.

An of active mind and fond of companionship, Dr. Hall had a life and intelligent interest in public affairs. He was a Republican in politics and found keen delight in the discussion with his friends of public policies. His acquaintances was wide and he enjoyed the esteem of those with whom he came in contact and who appreciated his integrity, his friends interest and his unswerving loyalty.

Though a physician, Dr. Hall had practiced his profession but little, preferring to follow the occupation of his early manhood, that of salesman and adjuster of claims for a Connecticut firm with whom he had been associated for 30 years. While in Medina Dr. Hall operated a large farm two miles south of town.

Funeral services were conducted at the family home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. In compliance with the request of Dr. Hall the services were conducted by the Norwalk Commandery, Knights Templars of which he was a member. More than sixty Sir Knights were present at the funeral, several coming from Elyria and Wellington. A number of friends outside the Masonic order gathered at the home to pay a final tribute of respect.

DATES OF EASTER

Easter was not kept as a festival until the fifth or sixth century, but previous to that the question of establishing it as a feast day came before the council of Nice, when it was decided authoritatively that Easter was henceforth to be Sunday following the fourteenth day of the calendar moon which happened upon or next after the 21st of March, so that if this fourteenth day be a Sunday, Easter day, therefore, may be on any day within five weeks inclusive of March 22 and April 25. It cannot happen earlier nor later than these two dates. In 1883, Easter occurred on March 25, and again in 1894, which will be twice in the present century. In 1951 it will occur again on March 25.

—Wasn't that some rapid change? Rather hard on a man to go to work in the morning and be without a position at dinner time.

Mr. Lowrie, Commissioner Brittain's successor, visited the latter's office an hour or so after the telegram arrived from Columbus announcing the change and said that he expected to assume charge of the office today, Friday, and he left for Columbus Wednesday night for his credentials. Mr. Lowrie was noncommittal as to whether or not he would retain any of the present assistants in the office, although from his manner one might with reason guess that he will not.

Mr. Brittain and his deputies have performed their work well and gained the confidence of the people. The work of his successor will be subjected to a close scrutiny, by the press no less than the people at large.